

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Hui, et al.) Group Art Unit Not yet
) assigned
 Appl. No. : Not yet assigned)
 Filed : Herewith) I hereby certify that this correspondence and all
 For : **BIOLOGICAL INDICATOR**) marked attachments are being deposited with the
FOR STERILIZATION) United States Postal Service as Express Mail in
PROCESSES WITH) an envelope addressed to: U.S. Patent and
DOUBLE BUFFER SYSTEM) Trademark Office, P.O. Box 2327, Arlington,
) VA 22202, on
) February 27, 2002
) (Date)
) 
) Sam K. Tahmassebi, Reg. No. 45,151
)
 Examiner : Not yet assigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

United States Patent and Trademark Office
 P.O. Box 2327
 Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits of the captioned application, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Before page 1, line 5, please insert the following paragraph:

Related Applications

The present application is a division of, and claims priority to, U.S. Application Serial
 No. 09/699,728, entitled "BIOLOGICAL INDICATOR FOR STERILIZATION PROCESSES
 WITH DOUBLE BUFFER SYSTEM," which was filed October 27, 2000, by Hui et al., which is
 incorporated by reference herein in its entirety, including any drawings.--